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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION

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1. AT REQUEST OF PETER BRANNER, DANISH FORMIN OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR INFCE, EMBOFF MET WITH HIM TODAY TO
DISCUSS DANISH RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED DOCUMENT
CONCERNING INFCE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND AREAS OF PAR-
TICULAR INTEREST TO DENMARK.

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2. BRANNER STATED THAT COMMENTS ON THE INFCE DOCUMENT
IN QUESTION AND REPLY TO OUR RELATED QUESTIONS HAD BEEN
SENT TO DANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR DELIVERY
TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE PROVIDED COPY OF SUBSTANCE OF
REPLY WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

A) THE SUGGESTED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INFCE SEEM TO COVER ALL THE TOPICS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AT SUCH AN EVALUATION. ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO DECIDE HOW THESE TOPICS SHOULD BE SYSTEMATIZED OR SPLIT UP IN GROUPS, IT WOULD PERHAPS BE PREFERABLE TO SINGLE OUT THE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS TECHNIQUES FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. THESE TECHNIQUES ARE IN THE PRESENT PROPOSAL DEALT WITH AS A CROSS-CHAPTER TOPIC SINCE THEY ARE RELEVANT IN SEVERAL OF THE CHAPTERS, BUT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL ALSO TO CONSIDER THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS IN A SUB-GROUP OF ITS OWN.

B) THE SUGGESTED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE GIVES NO CAUSE FOR COMMENTS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

C) THE EVALUATION AS A WHOLE IS LOOKED UPON BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY AS A WAY OF APPROACHING IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION PROBLEMS BUT ALSO AS A MEANS OF REMOVING CONSTRAINTS FOR COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER. AS A SIGNATORY TO THE NP, DENMARK HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SYSTEMS AND HAS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. DENMARK WILL ALSO WITH THIS AIM IN MIND MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE INFCE.

D) AS REGARDS THE AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST
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IT SHOULD FIRST OF ALL BE STRESSED THAT DENMARK AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES EXPECTS THAT PART OF THE WORK ENVISAGED OR ALREADY BEING CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE EC AS SUCH CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSION IN THE INFCE. APART FROM THIS IT IS WITHIN TWO AREAS THAT DENMARK IS IN A POSITION TO OFFER A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH COULD BE PUT TO USE IN THE COMING INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION. THESE AREAS ARE SAFEGUARDS TECHNIQUES AND URANIUM/ THORIUM MINERALOGY AND GEOLOGY. WITHIN THESE DENMARK WILL BE REPRESENTED BY QUALIFIED EXPERTS WHO WOULD ALSO, IF CALLED UPON, BE ABLE TO SERVE AS CHAIRMEN OR VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THEIR RESPECTIVE WORKING GROUPS.

E) THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH SPENT FUEL AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE ARE MAJOR CONSTRAINTS FOR THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. THIS IS IN PARTICULAR THE CASE IN DENMARK. SINCE A DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN BY THE DANISH PARLIAMENT ON THE USE OF COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER IN DENMARK, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS AND IN THIS CONTEXT TO THE WORK TO

BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE INFCE IN THE PROPOSED GROUP.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, BRANNER STATED THAT DENMARK IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AS A MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

4. BRANNER STATED THAT THE TECHNICIANS MENTIONED IN SECTION 2 (A) ABOVE ARE PER FREDERIKSEN, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DANISH ATOMIC ENERGY SAFEGUARDS, AND HENNING SORENSEN, DANISH STATE GEOLOGIST, WHO IS DENMARK'S FOREMOST EXPERT IN MINEROLOGY AND GEOLOGY OF URANIUM. LUKENS

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